



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 250 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 12, 2025, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 78.6 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three-weeks earlier.

## **Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 192 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 12, 2025, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through April 12, 2025 for the United States were 2.87 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2025

State	Week ending					
	March 8, 2025	March 15, 2025	March 22, 2025	March 29, 2025	April 5, 2025	April 12, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	35,129	35,315	35,099	35,343	34,980	35,259
Arkansas .....	26,071	26,095	26,185	26,374	26,404	26,208
Delaware .....	5,721	5,621	5,521	5,576	5,663	5,676
Georgia .....	34,547	34,389	34,541	34,649	34,332	34,380
Kentucky .....	8,285	8,228	7,961	8,334	8,138	8,148
Maryland .....	8,583	8,584	8,584	8,584	8,585	8,585
Mississippi .....	18,087	18,079	18,201	17,864	18,055	18,055
Missouri .....	9,195	9,215	9,202	9,195	9,226	9,225
North Carolina .....	26,194	25,955	25,957	26,199	26,220	26,136
Oklahoma .....	5,679	5,189	6,093	5,773	5,772	5,812
Pennsylvania .....	8,435	8,384	8,654	8,168	8,453	8,500
South Carolina .....	5,966	5,962	6,063	6,140	6,052	6,111
Texas .....	19,455	19,408	19,309	19,282	19,415	19,414
Virginia .....	5,887	5,887	5,887	5,448	5,725	5,727
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	15,541	15,967	16,382	16,306	16,255	16,238
Other States .....	16,977	16,800	16,902	16,920	16,486	16,693
United States .....	249,752	249,078	250,541	250,155	249,761	250,167

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2025

State	Week ending					
	March 8, 2025	March 15, 2025	March 22, 2025	March 29, 2025	April 5, 2025	April 12, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,606	23,914	24,527	23,572	24,351	24,116
Arkansas .....	21,075	21,217	20,649	21,675	21,328	20,919
Delaware .....	4,811	5,333	6,094	6,003	5,997	5,494
Georgia .....	26,250	26,867	26,525	27,210	26,630	26,532
Kentucky .....	5,710	5,758	5,873	5,641	6,012	5,558
Maryland .....	7,222	6,567	5,970	5,970	6,134	6,592
Mississippi .....	14,451	14,477	14,353	14,340	14,470	14,537
Missouri .....	6,009	5,789	6,131	5,885	6,318	6,675
North Carolina .....	19,777	20,321	20,064	20,327	20,146	20,117
Oklahoma .....	4,169	3,966	4,383	3,399	3,284	3,936
Pennsylvania .....	4,924	4,715	4,781	4,869	4,787	4,913
South Carolina .....	5,403	5,142	4,820	4,595	5,305	5,132
Texas .....	14,729	14,850	14,788	14,880	14,837	14,729
Virginia .....	4,741	4,913	4,771	5,152	4,746	4,457
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,684	14,180	13,937	14,041	13,602	14,819
Other States .....	13,533	13,470	13,620	13,669	13,447	13,503
United States .....	191,094	191,479	191,286	191,228	191,394	192,029

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

**Estimating Procedures:** All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

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**April 29, 2025**

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